CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1   1.   An image capture device comprising:

2   image capture hardware configured to capture an image;

3   a network interface device configured for communication with a

4   communications network; and

5   logic configured to generate a digital image of the captured image comprising

6   image data and configured to automatically provide the image data to the

7   communications network for delivery to at least one specified display device.

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1   2.   The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the at least one specified

2   display device is specified prior to generating the digital image.

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1   3.   The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the logic is software

2   stored in a memory and further comprising a processor device for implementing the

3   logic.

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1   4.   The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the logic is further

2   configured to provide automated image delivery information to the communications

3   network for delivery to an image delivery system in communication with the

4   communications network, the automated image delivery information comprising data

5   configured for use by the image delivery system to determine the at least one specified

6   image display device to which the image data is to be delivered.

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1   5.   The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the image capture

2   hardware is configured to scan the image.

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1   6.   The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the image capture

2   hardware comprises one of a digital camera, a scanner, a WebTV® receiver, a digital

3   picture frame, and a video recorder..

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1   7.   The image capture device of claim 4, wherein the automated image

2   delivery information further comprises identification data associated with the image

3   capture device, the identification data configured to be used by the image delivery

4   system to identify the image capture device.

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1   8.   An image capture device comprising:

2   means for capturing an image;

3   means for generating a digital image of the captured image, the digital image

4   comprising image data;

5   means for communicating with a communications network; and

6   means for automatically providing the image data directly to the

7   communications network for delivery to at least one specified display device.

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1   9.   The image capture device of claim 8, further comprising a means for

2   providing automated image delivery information to the communications network for

3   delivery to an image delivery system in communication with the communications

4   network, the automated image delivery information comprising data configured for

5   use by the image delivery system to determine the at least one specified image display

6   device to which the image data is to be delivered.

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1   10.   A method for providing automated delivery of digital images, the

2   method comprising the steps of:

3   capturing an image;

4   generating a digital image of the captured image, the digital image comprising

5   image data;

6   providing the image data to a communications network for delivery to an

7   image delivery system.

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1   11.   The method of claim 10, further comprising providing automated

2   image delivery information to the communications network for delivery to the image

3   delivery system, the automated image delivery information comprising data

4   configured to enable the image delivery system to determine at least one image

5   display device to which the image data is to be delivered.

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1   12.   The method of claim 11, wherein the automated image delivery

2   information further comprises identification data associated with the image capture

3   device, the identification data configured to enable the image delivery system to

4   identify the image capture device.

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1   13.   A method for providing automated delivery of digital images, the

2   method comprising the steps of:

3   receiving automated image delivery information associated with an image

4   capture device, the automated image delivery information configured for determining

5   an image display device to which a particular digital image is to be delivered;

6   receiving image data related to a digital image, the image data provided by the

7   image capture device to the communications network;

8   based on the automated image delivery information, determining the image

9   display device to which the image data is to be delivered; and

10   providing the image data to the communications network for delivery to the

11   image display device.

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1   14.   The method of claim 13, wherein the automated image delivery

2   information includes identification data associated with the image capture device, the

3   identification data configured for enabling identification of the image capture device

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1   15.   A system for providing automated delivery of digital images, the

2 system comprising:

3   means for receiving automated image delivery information from an image

4 capture device via a communications network, the automated image delivery

5 information configured for determining an image display device to which a particular

6 digital image is to be delivered;

7   means for receiving image data related to a digital image from an image

8 capture device via the communications network;

9   means for determining, based on the automated image delivery information,

10 the image display device to which the image data is to be delivered; and

11   means for providing the image data to the communications network for

12 delivery to the image display device.

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1   16.   The system of claim 15, wherein the automated image delivery

2 information further comprises identification data associated with the image capture

3 device, the identification data configured to identify the image capture device.

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1   17.   An image delivery system for providing automated delivery of digital

2   images, comprising:

3   a network interface device configured for communication with a

4   communications network; and

5   logic configured to:

6   receive from an image capture device, via the communications

7   network, automated image delivery information associated with the image

8   capture device, the automated image delivery information configured for

9   determining an image display device to which a particular digital image is to

10   be delivered;

11   receiving from the image capture device, via the network, image data

12   related to a digital image;

13   determining, based on the automated image delivery information, the

14   image display device to which the image data is to be delivered; and

15   providing the image data to the communications network for delivery

16   to the image display device.

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1   18.   The image delivery system of claim 17, wherein the logic is software

2   stored in a memory and further comprising a processor device for implementing the

3   logic.

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1   19.   The image delivery system of claim 17, wherein the automated image

2   delivery information includes identification data associated with the image capture

3   device, the identification data identifying the image capture device.

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